

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2008-460-WS - ORDER NO. 2009-136
MARCH 5, 2009

IN RE: Application of Avondale Mills, Inc. for)	ORDER GRANTING
Approval of a New Schedule of Rates and)	REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC
Charges for Water and Sewerage Services)	HEARING
Provided to Customers in Aiken County,)	
South Carolina)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the requests for a public hearing to be scheduled in the present docket. On December 23, 2008, Avondale Mills, Inc. (“Avondale” or “the utility”) filed an Application with the Commission for approval of a new schedule of rates and charges for water distribution service and sewer collection service that the utility provides to customers in the Graniteville and Vaucluse communities in Aiken County, South Carolina.

Since the filing of Avondale’s application, numerous requests have been filed with the Commission asking that a public hearing be scheduled in order to hear concerns and testimony from interested persons with respect to Avondale’s application, and specifically requesting that this public hearing be held in Aiken County, South Carolina. Requests for a public hearing on Avondale’s application have been received by the Commission from Representative J. Roland Smith, Representative Thomas R. Young, Senator A. Shane Massey, as well as a Graniteville resident of Aiken County. In addition, the Executive Director of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS)

submitted a letter on February 20, 2009, advising that ORS had also received requests for a night hearing in this matter from members of the South Carolina General Assembly and from members of the general public. ORS likewise requests that a night hearing be scheduled at a location in Aiken County to give the public an opportunity to express any concerns or comments on the pending application of Avondale.

Upon consideration of the requests, the Commission finds that a public hearing in this docket should be scheduled and held in Aiken County, South Carolina. The public hearing to be held in Aiken County, South Carolina will serve the public interest by providing interested persons not already parties to this proceeding a convenient forum in terms of location and time to appear before the Commission to present testimony and evidence relative to Avondale's pending rate case application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

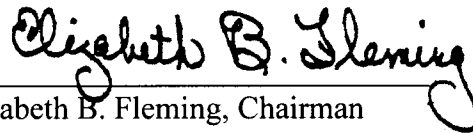
1. A public hearing in the pending application filed by Avondale Mills, Inc. shall be held in the evening in Aiken County, South Carolina.
2. The Commission Staff is directed to find a suitable location and date for the public hearing and shall provide notice of the hearing to the parties in this docket and to the persons affected by the application.

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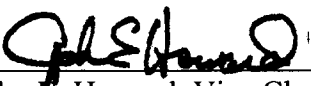
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3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:


John E. Howard, Vice Chairman

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